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an easy-open closure portion comprising a mouth formed at a front part of said plastic bag for access to an interior region of said plastic bag, and a closure flap overlying and closing said mouth and having a peelable region attached to said front face, so that at least a portion of said closure flap is able to be peeled away from said front face across said peelable region for revealing said mouth, while said front face remains functionally intact; and,

a closeable region, distinct from said easy-open closure portion, by which said plastic bag is closable by a user after filling said plastic bag with contents.

29. The plastic bag according to Claim 28, wherein said first side wall forms said front part of said plastic bag and said second side wall forms a rear part of said plastic bag, said first side wall and said second side wall being substantially the same length.

30. The plastic bag according to Claim 29, wherein said mouth comprises a slit formed in said front face.

31. The plastic bag according to Claim 29, wherein said mouth is defined by an end edge of said first side wall.

32. The plastic bag according to Claim 30, further comprising a line of weakness formed in said front face, said line of weakness being capable of being ruptured for forming said mouth.

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33. The plastic bag according to Claim 29, wherein said closeable region includes end parts of said first side wall and said second side wall.

34. The plastic bag according to Claim 33, wherein said closeable region further includes an end part of said closure flap.

35. The plastic bag according to Claim 28, wherein said first side wall forms said front part of said plastic bag, said second side wall forms a rear part of said plastic bag, and said second side wall includes an extension extending beyond said bag portion.

36. The plastic bag according to Claim 35, wherein said closure flap overlies a part of said first side wall and said extension of said second side wall.

37. The plastic bag according to Claim 36, wherein said mouth is defined by an end edge of said first side wall.

38. The plastic bag according to Claim 35, wherein said closure flap overlies a part of said first side wall and said extension of said second side wall, and wherein said closeable region includes said extension of said second side wall and an end part of said closure flap. Figs. 17A-C

39. The plastic bag according to Claim 28, further comprising a second ^{top flap} depending via a fold from an edge of

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said mouth and extending into said interior region of said plastic bag.

40. The plastic bag according to Claim 39, wherein said second flap is attachable via an adhesive to an inside face of said second side wall. (sub 63)

41. The plastic bag according to Claim 28, wherein on said portion of said closure flap which is peelable away, any path extending from a boundary of said portion nearest to said mouth to a boundary of said portion distant from said mouth must pass through a peelably attached region.

42. The plastic bag according to Claim 28, further comprising a base portion on which said plastic bag can stably standing when containing contents therein.

43. The plastic bag according to Claim 42, wherein said base portion comprises:

a base panel connected along opposing sides thereof to respective said first side wall and said second side wall by first folds, said base panel further including a second fold, co-extensive with the width of said first side wall and said second side walls and substantially parallel to said first folds, said second fold dividing said base panel into a first panel leaf and a second panel leaf, so that said second fold and said first panel leaf and said second panel leaf lie between said first side wall and said second side wall with

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external faces of said first panel leaf and said second panel leaf being towards each other; and,

miter seals comprising a seal line extending from each end of said second fold to each said first fold, along seal lines said first side wall and said second side wall are respectively joined to said base panel.

44. The plastic bag according to Claim 42, wherein said base portion comprises a substantially rectangular base panel having opposed side edges and opposed end edges and substantially triangular end wall portions each depending along a base side thereof from a respective said opposed edge of said base panel, said base panel being connected to respective said first side wall and said second side wall by first folds coincident with said respective opposed side edges, said substantially triangular end wall portions having an apex position, when in use, above said base panel, and having side edges comprising seal lines extending between said apex and respective corners of said base portion along which said first side wall and said second side wall are respectively joined to said end wall portions.

45. The plastic bag according to Claim 28, further comprising a third flap overlying and peelably attached to said first side wall or said second side wall, said third flap depending from said first side wall or said second side wall at an end of said plastic bag distant from said closure flap.

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46. The plastic bag according to Claim 28, wherein said portion of said closure flap capable of being peeled away is defined by at least two lines of weakness along which said closure flap is torn for exposing said mouth of said plastic bag.

47. The plastic bag according to Claim 46, wherein said lines of weakness extend from an end edge of said closure flap to points proximate said mouth.

48. The plastic bag according to Claim 46, wherein said lines of weakness are perforations in said closure flap.

49. The plastic bag according to Claim 28, wherein said portion of said closure flap capable of being peeled away is attached to said front face by a peelable adhesive.

50. A plastic bag, comprising:

a first side wall and a second side wall which together form a bag portion having a front face and a rear face;

an easy-open closure portion comprising a mouth formed at a front part of said plastic bag for accessing an interior region of said plastic bag and a closure flap formed separately from said first side wall and said second side wall, said closure flap overlying and closing said mouth and having a region attached to said front face, said closure flap including at least one line of weakness defining a portion of said closure flap which does not include any part

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of the region attached to said front face and which said portion is able to be opened by tearing along at least one said line of weakness for exposing said mouth of said bag; and,

a closeable region, distinct from said easy-open closure portion, by which said plastic bag is closable by a user after filling said plastic bag with contents.

51. The plastic bag according to Claim 50, wherein said first side wall forms said front part of said plastic bag and said second side wall forms a rear part of said plastic bag, said first side wall and said second side wall being substantially the same length.

52. The plastic bag according to Claim 51, wherein said mouth comprises a slit formed in said front face.

53. The plastic bag according to Claim 51, wherein said mouth is defined by an end edge of said first side wall.

54. The plastic bag according to Claim 52, further comprising a line of weakness formed in said front face, said line of weakness being capable of being ruptured for forming said mouth.

55. The plastic bag according to Claim 51, wherein said closeable region includes end parts of said first side wall and said second side wall.

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56. The plastic bag according to Claim 55, wherein said closeable region further includes an end part of said closure flap.

57. The plastic bag according to Claim 50, wherein said first side wall forms said front part of said plastic bag, said second side wall forms a rear part of said plastic bag, and said second side wall includes an extension extending beyond said bag portion.

58. The plastic bag according to Claim 57, wherein said closure flap overlies a part of said first side wall and said extension of said second side wall.

59. The plastic bag according to Claim 58, wherein said mouth is defined by an end edge of said first side wall.

60. The plastic bag according to Claim 57, wherein said closure flap overlies a part of said first side wall and said extension of said second side wall, and wherein said closeable region includes said extension of said second side wall and an end part of said closure flap.

61. The plastic bag according to Claim 50, further comprising a second flap depending via a fold from an edge of said mouth and extending into said interior region of said plastic bag.

62. The plastic bag according to Claim 61, wherein said

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second flap is attachable via an adhesive to an inside face of said second side wall.

63. The plastic bag according to Claim 50, wherein on said portion of said closure flap which is peelable away, any path extending from a boundary of said portion nearest to said mouth to a boundary of said portion distant from said mouth must pass through a peelably attached region.

64. The plastic bag according to Claim 50, further comprising a base portion on which said plastic bag can stably standing when containing contents therein.

65. The plastic bag according to Claim 64, wherein said base portion comprises:

a base panel connected along opposing sides thereof to respective said first side wall and said second side wall by first folds, said base panel further including a second fold, co-extensive with the width of said first side wall and said second side walls and substantially parallel to said first folds, said second fold dividing said base panel into a first panel leaf and a second panel leaf, so that said second fold and said first panel leaf and said second panel leaf lie between said first side wall and said second side wall with external faces of said first panel leaf and said second panel leaf being towards each other; and,

miter seals comprising a seal line extending from each end of said second fold to each said first fold, along seal

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lines said first side wall and said second side wall are respectively joined to said base panel.

66. The plastic bag according to Claim 64, wherein said base portion comprises a substantially rectangular base panel having opposed side edges and opposed end edges and substantially triangular end wall portions each depending along a base side thereof from a respective said opposed edge of said base panel, said base panel being connected to respective said first side wall and said second side wall by first folds coincident with said respective opposed side edges, said substantially triangular end wall portions having an apex position, when in use, above said base panel, and having side edges comprising seal lines extending between said apex and respective corners of said base portion along which said first side wall and said second side wall are respectively joined to said end wall portions.

67. The plastic bag according to Claim 50, further comprising a third flap overlying and peelably attached to said first side wall or said second side wall, said third flap depending from said first side wall or said second side wall at an end of said plastic bag distant from said closure flap.

68. The plastic bag according to Claim 50, further comprising at least two lines of weakness along which said portion is able to be opened by tearing.

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69. The plastic bag according to Claim 68, wherein said lines of weakness are perforations in said closure flap.

70. A plastic bag, comprising:

a first side wall and a second side wall which together form a bag portion having a front face and a rear face;

an easy-open closure portion comprising a mouth formed at a front part of said plastic bag for accessing an interior region of said plastic bag and a closure flap formed

separately from said first side wall and said second side wall, said closure flap overlying and closing said mouth and having a region peelably attached to said front face; and,

a base portion on which said plastic bag can stably standing when containing contents therein, wherein at least a portion of said closure flap is capable of being peeled away from said front face across the region peelably attached to said front face for revealing said mouth, so that said front face remains functionally intact.

71. The plastic bag according to Claim 70, further comprising a closable region distinct from said easy-open closure portion, by which said closable region said plastic bag is closable by a user after filling the interior region of said plastic bag with contents.

72. The plastic bag according to Claim 70, wherein said first side wall forms said front part of said plastic bag and said second side wall forms a rear part of said plastic bag,

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said first side wall and said second side wall being substantially the same length.

73. The plastic bag according to Claim 71, wherein said mouth comprises a slit formed in said front face.

74. The plastic bag according to Claim 71, wherein said mouth is defined by an end edge of said first side wall.

75. The plastic bag according to Claim 73, further comprising a line of weakness formed in said front face, said line of weakness being capable of being ruptured for forming said mouth.

76. The plastic bag according to Claim 70, wherein said first side wall forms said front part of said plastic bag, said second side wall forms a rear part of said plastic bag, and said second side wall includes an extension extending beyond said bag portion.

77. The plastic bag according to Claim 76, wherein said closure flap overlies a part of said first side wall and said extension of said second side wall.

78. The plastic bag according to Claim 77, wherein said mouth is defined by an end edge of said first side wall.

79. The plastic bag according to Claim 70, further comprising a second flap depending via a fold from an edge of said mouth and extending into said interior region of said

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plastic bag.

80. The plastic bag according to Claim 79, wherein said second flap is attachable via an adhesive to an inside face of said second side wall.

81. The plastic bag according to Claim 70, wherein on said portion of said closure flap which is peelable away, any path extending from a boundary of said portion nearest to said mouth to a boundary of said portion distant from said mouth must pass through a peelably attached region.

82. The plastic bag according to Claim 70, wherein said base portion comprises:

a base panel connected along opposing sides thereof to respective said first side wall and said second side wall by first folds, said base panel further including a second fold, co-extensive with the width of said first side wall and said second side walls and substantially parallel to said first folds, said second fold dividing said base panel into a first panel leaf and a second panel leaf, so that said second fold and said first panel leaf and said second panel leaf lie between said first side wall and said second side wall with external faces of said first panel leaf and said second panel leaf being towards each other; and,

miter seals comprising a seal line extending from each end of said second fold to each said first fold, along seal lines said first side wall and said second side wall are

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respectively joined to said base panel.

83. The plastic bag according to Claim 70, wherein said base portion comprises a substantially rectangular base panel having opposed side edges and opposed end edges and substantially triangular end wall portions each depending along a base side thereof from a respective said opposed edge of said base panel, said base panel being connected to respective said first side wall and said second side wall by first folds coincident with said respective opposed side edges, said substantially triangular end wall portions having an apex position, when in use, above said base panel, and having side edges comprising seal lines extending between said apex and respective corners of said base portion along which said first side wall and said second side wall are respectively joined to said end wall portions.

84. The plastic bag according to Claim 70, wherein said portion of said closure flap capable of being peeled away is defined by at least two lines of weakness along which said closure flap is torn for exposing said mouth of said plastic bag.

85. The plastic bag according to Claim 84, wherein said lines of weakness extend from an end edge of said closure flap to points proximate said mouth.

86. The plastic bag according to Claim 84, wherein said

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lines of weakness are perforations in said closure flap.

87. The plastic bag according to Claim 70, wherein said portion of said closure flap capable of being peeled away is attached to said front face by a peelable adhesive.

88. A plastic bag, comprising:

a first side wall and a second side wall which together form a bag portion having a front face and a rear face;

an easy-open closure portion comprising a mouth formed at a front part of said plastic bag for accessing an interior region of said plastic bag and a closure flap formed separately from said first side wall and said second side wall, said closure flap overlying and closing said mouth and having a region attached to said front face; and,

a base portion on which said plastic bag can stably standing when containing contents therein, wherein said closure flap includes at least one line of weakness defining a portion of said closure flap which does not include any part of said region attached to said front face and which said portion is able to be opened by tearing along the line of weakness for exposing the mouth of said plastic bag.

89. The plastic bag according to Claim 88, further comprising a closable region distinct from said easy-open closure portion, by which said closable region said plastic bag is closable by a user after filling the interior region of said plastic bag with contents.

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90. The plastic bag according to Claim 88, wherein said first side wall forms said front part of said plastic bag and said second side wall forms a rear part of said plastic bag, said first side wall and said second side wall being substantially the same length.

91. The plastic bag according to Claim 89, wherein said mouth comprises a slit formed in said front face.

92. The plastic bag according to Claim 89, wherein said mouth is defined by an end edge of said first side wall.

93. The plastic bag according to Claim 91, further comprising a line of weakness formed in said front face, said line of weakness being capable of being ruptured for forming said mouth.

94. The plastic bag according to Claim 88, wherein said first side wall forms said front part of said plastic bag, said second side wall forms a rear part of said plastic bag, and said second side wall includes an extension extending beyond said bag portion.

95. The plastic bag according to Claim 94, wherein said closure flap overlies a part of said first side wall and said extension of said second side wall.

96. The plastic bag according to Claim 95, wherein said mouth is defined by an end edge of said first side wall.

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97. The plastic bag according to Claim 88, further comprising a second flap depending via a fold from an edge of said mouth and extending into said interior region of said plastic bag.

98. The plastic bag according to Claim 97, wherein said second flap is attachable via an adhesive to an inside face of said second side wall.

99. The plastic bag according to Claim 88, wherein said base portion comprises:

a base panel connected along opposing sides thereof to respective said first side wall and said second side wall by first folds, said base panel further including a second fold, co-extensive with the width of said first side wall and said second side walls and substantially parallel to said first folds, said second fold dividing said base panel into a first panel leaf and a second panel leaf, so that said second fold and said first panel leaf and said second panel leaf lie between said first side wall and said second side wall with external faces of said first panel leaf and said second panel leaf being towards each other; and,

miter seals comprising a seal line extending from each end of said second fold to each said first fold, along seal lines said first side wall and said second side wall are respectively joined to said base panel.

100. The plastic bag according to Claim 88, wherein said

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base portion comprises a substantially rectangular base panel having opposed side edges and opposed end edges and substantially triangular end wall portions each depending along a base side thereof from a respective said opposed edge of said base panel, said base panel being connected to respective said first side wall and said second side wall by first folds coincident with said respective opposed side edges, said substantially triangular end wall portions having an apex position, when in use, above said base panel, and having side edges comprising seal lines extending between said apex and respective corners of said base portion along which said first side wall and said second side wall are respectively joined to said end wall portions.

101. The plastic bag according to Claim 88, further comprising at least two lines of weakness along which said portion is able to be opened by tearing.

102. The plastic bag according to Claim 101, wherein said lines of weakness are perforations in said closure flap.--

REMARKS

Prior to an examination on the merits of the above-identified patent application, please enter the foregoing preliminary amendments.

Claims 28-102, as entered herein, are pending in the